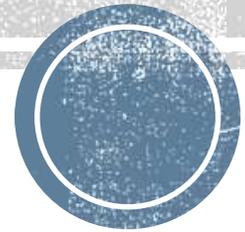


**Ask, and it WILL BE
Given**

Living In The Presence Of The Living God



Abiding In Christ

- John 15:4,5; Gal.2:20; Eph.3:16-21
- Bonhoeffer on relationships
- If we see all of our circumstances, relationships and interactions mediated through Christ, then we will be continually talking with Christ, or praying, about these things
- See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. 1Thes.5:15-19
- To pray without ceasing is to walk in the continuous awareness of the presence of Jesus. Eph.6:18, Phil.4:4-6, Rom.12:12



Asking In Christ

- **Matt.7:7-11-**
- **Asking, flows out of the continuous relationship with Jesus.**
- **Lk.8:43-48 - Jesus asking the Spirit, “Who touched me?”**
- **As we grow in our relationship in Christ, we learn more about our Heavenly Father. Who He is, what His purposes are and how He does things. James 4:3 - asking for selfish reasons**
- **In the process our “Asking” becomes more refined to the purposes of the Almighty God.**
- **God is not hiding. He wants you to be filled with the joy that is only found in letting Jesus do His work through us.**



Asking In Christ

- John 16:24. Jesus says ask.
- James 4:2 - you do not have because you do not ask
- In fact, Jesus repeats it twice. 2nd time in a little slower and in a little more detail. Matt.7:8
- Do you know what that means? Gen 41:32
- “the doubling of Pharaoh's dream means that the thing is fixed by God, and God will shortly bring it about.”
- **GOD MEANS IT!!** God desires to give you His good and perfect gifts, which may mean you may not get the ice cream you are always asking for, but something so much better.



Asking In Christ

- John 14:12-14 - “Whatever you ask **in my name** ...”
- John 15:7 -**IF** my words abide in you... ask and it will be done.
- John 16:23b,24 - Ask in my name... that your joy may be full
- Whoever asks, receives. One who seeks, finds. The one who knocks, it will open. Mat.7:8
- 9, 10 Who knows better? You or God?
- 11 - If we who are evil know how to give good gifts to our children... **HOW MUCH MORE** can your loving, perfect, sovereign, all powerful, all knowing, eternal, creator God, heavenly Father give us, His children, give us exactly what we need when we ask Him?



The Provision Of The Father

- God also gives WHEN we need it.
- “Depend on it! God’s work, done in God’s way, will never lack God’s supply!” Hudson Taylor
- “God is never late and rarely early.” Dillon Burroughs
- Are you willing to Trust our Heavenly Father?
- Gen. 12:1 -Abraham was asked to pack up and leave his family for “a place I will show you.”
- Jesus said to his disciples, “Follow me!”
- Jesus said, “I am with you always, to the end of the age.”
- God’s commission to follow always has the promise of His presence. Joshua 1:5



The Provision Of The Father

- Ask Seek Knock is in the context of judgment and the warning not to be judgmental and condemning.
- How do we do that?
- As we are growing as apprentices in the kingdom of love, we are assured that as we walk in the presence of Jesus our savior, we will be learning to allow Him to mediate every relationship and circumstance we get involved in. We will be learning to ask for His direction, seek His mind for clarification, and knock on the doors of people's hearts as Jesus would. Walking in His presence and asking for His way allows Him to live in and love through us for His glory and our joy.

